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What is the origin of this religion? When/How/Why did it start?

The origin of the Catholic Church is known to be from Jesus Christ, Catholics says Jesus established the new church 3 days after he died and rose again. There is no actual prove when Catholicism actually started, the word catholic was first found in a letter written by Ignatius of Antioch in 106, many people consider it to be one of the oldest religions in history.

What are the main rituals or practices of this religion?

Catholics have Mass every week, they observe seven sacraments, which are religious rituals believed to be commanded by God and effective in conferring grace on the believer. Other Catholic practices include veneration of saints, use of the crucifix, and the use of rosary beads in prayer.

What are the main texts associated with this religion?

The Bible is the book that is sacred to Christians. It is split into two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is made of 46 sacred books about stories from 1800 BC and 168 BC. The New Testament tells the story of Jesus' life and the first 60 to 70 years of the Church .

How many people follow this religion in Australia and the World?

In 2006, there were more than 5 million people who have joined the religoin of Catholicism in Australia. In the whole world there were more than 1,121,516,000 in mid 2007.

How can you be a good/devout follower of this religion?

To be a good follower, the person must believe that Jesus is the son of god and that God sent him to save the people from sin. They must attend Mass every week and on holy days of obligation and must go to Confession if they have committed a sin.

What rewards and punishments are associated with the faith?

Reward: having a good life and going to heaven

Punishment: death penalties

List any important places associated with this religion.

Some places that are important to Catholics are churches, cathedrals, chapels and temples.

Are there any important symbols associated with this religion? What are they?

HS AND CHI-RHO

The letters *IHS* often appear on liturgical items, building plaques and gravestones and sacred vessels. *IHS* is a shortened form of the Greek word for Jesus.

THE DOVE

The dove is the symbol of the Holy Spirit. When Christ was baptized by John the Baptist, a dove descended on him (Matthew 3:16 and Mark 1:10).

The dove is sometimes depicted with an olive branch in its mouth, as a symbol of peace. It also symbolises God's grace.

Do you remember Noah's story, God had sent a great flood and after the rain stopped, Noah sent out a dove to search for dry land, it returned carrying an olive branch from the Mount of Olives, a symbol of God's forgiveness.

Upload any images that might have some significance in this religion. Explain their importance.



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